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Mr. Rowland H. Hughes, Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

The Report to the Congress of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government regarding Federal Medical Services has been reviewed as requested. In essence, the ~~submitted~~ recommendations have limited direct applicability to the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. Certain of the Commission recommendations, however, are of general interest and are identified, with comment, as follows:

Recommendation No. 1

The concept of a Federal Advisory Council of Health is advisable.

Recommendation No. 3

It is considered desirable to amend the Selective Service Act insofar as maximum utilization of medical personnel may be effected.

Recommendation No. 16 (b) and No. 17

It is believed that the interests of this Agency and Government in general are best served by having available a basic system of Federal medical installations to which non-Federal medical installations may serve as an adjunct.

Recommendation No. 20

The Agency strongly supports a voluntary contributory program of medical care and hospitalization insurance as proposed, but believes the program must include opportunity for family coverage on behalf of the individual employee in order to be effective.

Recommendation No. 23

The Agency supports the concept of a National Library of Medicine as proposed.

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Recommendation No. 26

The delegation of operational authority in directing medical care following an attack is a much needed consideration.

Recommendation No. 27

The Agency strongly supports this recommendation and would also include the need for preventive psychiatric services within Federal civilian agencies and departments.

Recommendation No. 28

It is believed that a review as proposed would also serve to identify personnel problems of common interest to which broader policy attention could be directed.

Recommendation No. 29

It is considered doubtful that the functions of review and advice as proposed should be assigned to any lesser entity.

The Central Intelligence Agency appreciates this opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director

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